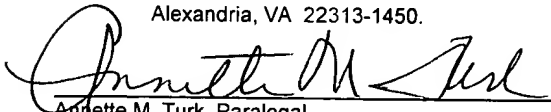


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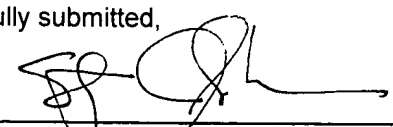
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Petition Decision mailed on September 24, 2003, be extended for four month(s), to and including March 24, 2004. The appropriate small entity fee for this extension accompanies this Petition. Small entity status is declared under 37 CFR § 1.27.

For the Commissioner's convenience this Petition is submitted in duplicate. If any additional fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-4213.

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